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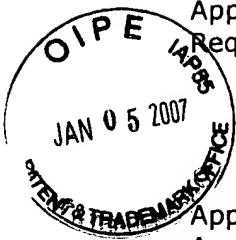
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Ex parte prosecution of this application was suspended in Paper No. 12, issued August 12, 1997. An April 21, 2006 Office Communication continued suspension of prosecution of the application for another six months.

On June 8, 2006, Applicants informed the PTO that Scimed Life Systems, Inc. had taken an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences regarding Interference No. 104,192. The appeal in the Federal Circuit has been docketed at No. 2006-1434 and is still proceeding in that Court.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that suspension of this application will be continued. Confirmation is respectfully requested.

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